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## House Resolution No. 2663

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which admirably contribute to the high quality of life found in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, after several failed attempts, Proposition "L" authorizing a library system in the northern part of Jefferson County encompassing the Fox, Windsor and Northwest School District boundaries was passed by voters in Jefferson County on November 7, 1989; and

Whereas, the overwhelming success of Proposition "L" was due in large measure to the Steering Committee which included Phil Amato, Mark Powell, Eric Knoll, Vernon Sullivan, Dr. Charles Hudson, Laverne Friedman-Ehlmann, Joe Wingbermuele, Al Ems, Sandy Kohler, Larry Steinkamp and Board Liaison Pat Lamping, all of whom met at least once a week for over a year and a half to prepare for the election; and

Whereas, Arnold resident Eric Knoll wrote, and then-State Representative Bill McKenna agreed to sponsor, an amendment to state statute which would allow county libraries to be established by subdistricts based on school district boundaries; and

Whereas, the demand for library service was extremely high due to the fact that a two-day-a-week bookmobile was registering more children for the summer reading program than some St. Louis County branches that were open seven days a week; and

Whereas, on May 1, 2005, the promise made by the Jefferson County Library Board to the residents of Arnold will be fulfilled when the Arnold Branch Library holds Grand Opening ceremonies to officially start the long-awaited lending of books and other materials to the citizens of the area:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar record of service provided by the Jefferson County Library since its inception and to convey to the Jefferson County Library District, its Board, staff, and the Steering Committee this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful Grand Opening of the Arnold Branch Library on May 1, 2005; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Arnold Branch of the Jefferson County Library.

Offered by
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2663, adopted April 28, 2005.
Rod Jetton, Speaker